OPINION 1262
CANCER VOCANS MAJOR HERBST, 1782 (CRUSTACEA, DECAPODA): NEOTYPE DESIGNATED UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS

RULING.—(1) Under the plenary powers, the lectotype of *Gelasimus platydactylus* Milne Edwards, 1837 designated by Holthuis, 1979, p. 251 and mentioned by Crance, 1975, p. 601, is hereby designated as the neotype of *Cancer vocans major* Herbst, 1782 (see entry No. 2019 in the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology).

(2) The specific name *tangeri* Eydoux, 1835, as published in the binomen *Gelasimus tangeri,* is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2873.

(3) The following names are hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:

(a) *platydactylus* H. Milne Edwards, 1837, as published in the binomen *Gelasimus platydactylus* (a junior objective synonym of *Cancer vocans major* Herbst, 1782, through the neotype designation made under the plenary powers in (1) above) (Name Number 1125);

(b) *uka* Shaw & Nodder, 1803, as published in the binomen *Cancer uka* (a junior objective synonym of *Cancer vocans major* Herbst, 1782) (Name Number 1126).

HISTORY OF THE CASE Z.N.(S.)2235

An application for the use of the plenary powers to designate a neotype for *Cancer vocans major* Herbst, 1782, was first received from Dr L. B. Holthuis (*Rijksmuseum van Natuurlijke Historie, Leiden, Netherlands*) on 19 October 1977. It was sent to the printer on 18 July 1978 and published on 31 May 1979 in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 35, pp. 248–252. Public notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the statutory serials, to eight general serials and one specialist serial. No comment was received.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 22 November 1982 the members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (1982)30 for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 35, pp. 248–252. At the close of the voting period on 22 February 1983 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative Votes — twenty-two (22) received in the following order: Melville, Holthuis, Mroczkowski, Uéno, Willink, Sabrosky, Corliss, Halvorsen, Schuster, Kraus, Brinck, Alvarado, Trjapitzin, Hahn, Cocks, Dupuis, Starobogatov, Bayer, Heppell, Cogger, Welch, Ride

Negative Vote — Savage.

Bernardi was on leave of absence. No votes were returned by Binder and Lehtinen.

Savage commented: 'It seems to me that the best solution here is to suppress the name *major* and conserve the names *tangeri* and *platydactylus*. Dr Holthuis himself points out this solution in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 35, p. 249. *Gelasimus platycephalus* would have to be designated the type species of *Uca* as well. I oppose the application.'

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for the names placed on an Official List and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

platydactylus, Gelasimus, H. Milne Edwards, 1837, *Hist. nat. Crust.,* vol. 2, p. 51

tangeri, Gelasimus, Eydoux, 1835, *Mag. Zool. Paris,* vol. 5 (7), unnumbered page

uka, Cancer, Shaw & Nodder, 1803, *Naturalist's Miscellany,* vol. 14, pl. 588.

The following is the original reference to the proposition of a neotype designation ratified by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

for *Cancer vocans major* Herbst, 1782 by Holthuis, L. B. 1979, *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 35, p. 251.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (1982)30 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that voting paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 1262.

R. V. MELVILLE
Secretary
International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature
London
15 August 1983